

MARSHALL PRICE GETS A REPRIEVE.

His Execution Postponed Until the Court of Appeals Hears the Case.

On Friday of last week Price exhibited, perhaps, more than ever before evidences of a repentant heart. Sheriff Berry was at his cell door with leg-irons, and told him that he had come to put them on him. Price suddenly began to cry and retreated to the farther part of the room. Then, returning as the sheriff entered, he sat down at the foot of the bed and said: "Here I am, Mr. Berry; do what you want with me," weeping bitterly. "I wish I were dead and out of the way," he said. The sheriff adjusted the irons, and then inspected the cell to see whether anything needed to be done. His eyes were not upon Price for a few moments. Glancing at the crouching figure on the box, he was surprised to see that in place of tears a look of the fiercest anger had come in the young man's eyes, and he was regarding the officer with a dagger-glance, gritting his teeth the while. He quailed beneath the sheriff's look, however.

Sheriff Berry on Monday last had some lumber out of which to make a scaffold hauled to the jail-yard. Price inquired what it was for, and the sheriff, who was standing at the cell door, told him. "If you will furnish me with a saw, hammer and some nails, I'll help you to build it," said Price. Of course the sheriff did not accept the proffer.

Governor Brown on Monday granted a reprieve in the case, and the execution was thus deferred. Sheriff Berry received the respite for his prisoner on Tuesday morning, and, accompanied by a JOURNAL reporter, went to Price's cell and read the document to him. Notwithstanding the fact that this action on the part of the Governor was likely to prolong his life several months, the prisoner maintained an air of utter unconcern, and when the reading was over simply remarked, "I am glad of it." In answer to the sheriff's explanation that it was merely a postponement of the execution, he said: "Oh, yes; I understand that the final result will be the same." The death watch was then discharged.

Attorney-General John P. Poe, like all the local attorneys, is not at all favorably impressed with the points taken by the Baltimore counsel for Price. The Attorney-General, with whom State's Attorney Jump was in consultation on Monday, did not apprehend any reversal in the Court of Appeals of the judgment of the Circuit Court. The writ of error taken by the condemned man's attorneys, based on fabrications, according to the Judge's statements and the affidavits of others, were thus sufficient to postpone the execution of the self-confessed murderer and increase largely the bills of expenses, but while justice would have been delayed it would not have been defeated.